REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The claims have been revised in a manner consistent with amendments proposed by the Examiner in a telephone interview of December 2, 2003. The Examiner indicated that her suggested amendments were necessary to place the case in condition for allowance. The above revisions are presented based on the undersigned's understanding that the claim amendments proposed in the Amendment filed October 17, 2003 will be entered (the Examiner so advised the undersigned by phone on December 4, 2003).

The claims as now presented are believed to be fully supported by an enabling disclosure, including new claim 57 which finds support in the same manner as claim 45 prior to amendment.

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

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